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(S) In a conversation with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' Security Affairs Department Second Secretary Anar Jahangirli on July 9, the Embassy discussed reftel points regarding the negotiations on a Status of Forces Agreement with Iraq. The Embassy also asked Jahangirli about any requirements the GOAJ had to maintain its troop presence in Iraq in 2009, and he promised to look into the issue closely and report back to the Embassy in the near future. We will follow up with Jahangirli as necessary and report the GOAJ's requirements to maintain its troop presence as soon we know them. The GOAJ remains fully committed to remaining a coalition partner, and we believe that it will do whatever is necessary to maintain troops in Iraq.

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